



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 9, 2015**  
**Schedule 15**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

**HB 405**    **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**  
**MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; providing specified penalties for making false claims; requiring the court to consider and give special attention to specified factors in determining the amount of fines and penalties to be levied under the Act; authorizing a person and the governmental entity to file a civil action against a person that makes a specified false claim under specified circumstances; providing that the Act does not apply to specified claims, records, or statements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, §§ 8-101 through 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2015****HB 406 Delegate Long, et al****EDUCATION – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State Board of Education and specified county boards of education from establishing specified educational policies, curriculum, and guidelines that include or are based on the Common Core State Standards; prohibiting the State Board from entering into any agreements or joining any organizations that give control over educational matters to any entity other than the State; requiring the State Board to take specified steps to rescind the State Board's adoption of the Common Core State Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, §§ 2-205.1 and 4-111.4 - added and § 7-203(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 407 Delegate Aumann, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – ADOPTION OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Authorizing a public high school in Baltimore County to adopt a school schedule for that school; requiring the principal of a public high school to convene a school schedule committee to study and recommend a school schedule; providing for the 20-member school schedule committee and the election and appointment of specified members of a committee; providing for the duties of a school schedule committee; requiring the adoption of a school schedule by a specified vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 408 Delegate Parrott, et al****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – E-ZPASS ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE CHARGE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from imposing an E-ZPass account maintenance charge, a charge imposed by the Authority in an equal amount on all E-ZPass account holders on a regularly recurring basis.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, § 4-312(c)(5) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 409 Delegate Parrott, et al****ELECTION LAW – PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND EARLY VOTING – DATES**

Prohibiting a primary election from being held on Purim, Passover, Good Friday, Easter, the first day of Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur; requiring a primary election that would otherwise be held on the date of a specified holiday to instead be held seven days after the holiday; and prohibiting an early voting center from being open for voting on specified holidays.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EL, §§ 8-201 and 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 410 Delegate Parrott, et al****TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – APPLICATION TO RIGHT TURNS**

Establishing that specified provisions of law authorizing the issuance of a civil citation for specified red signal–related traffic offenses do not apply to a violation in which a motor vehicle makes a right turn under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-202.1(c) and (d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 411 Delegate Glass****DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON – PRIVATE PROPERTY – ADDITIONAL SUNDAY IN JANUARY**

Authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on a Sunday in the second half of January, as designated by the Department of Natural Resources, subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-410(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 412 Delegates Glass and Metzgar****NATURAL RESOURCES – DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON – END DATE**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include the first Saturday of February in the deer bow hunting season in any year that January 31 does not fall on a Saturday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-405(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 413 Delegate Glass, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – VETERINARY SERVICES FOR ADOPTED POLICE DOGS**

Allowing specified individuals a credit against the State income tax for the cost of specified veterinary services for adopted police dogs; providing that the credit may not exceed a specified amount; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 414 Delegates Glass and Metzgar****SUNDAY HUNTING – DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday during the deer bow hunting season on private property, subject to specified provisions of law; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 415 Delegates O'Donnell and Kelly****CEDAR HOPE CHESTS – PROHIBITION ON MANUFACTURE, IMPORT, AND SALE (MCKENNA'S LAW)**

Prohibiting a person from importing, selling, or offering or manufacturing for sale a cedar hope chest that has a design identified by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission as presenting a risk of suffocation death to children who could become entrapped in the chest, has a lid latch that locks automatically and cannot be unlocked from the inside; providing for specified penalties; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement a specified public awareness program and adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 24-307 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 416 Delegates Glass and Metzgar****CONSUMER PROTECTION – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to the person as a condition for the purchase or lease of consumer goods or consumer services; providing that the Act does not prohibit a person from requesting or requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to apply for or obtain an extension of consumer credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 14-3403 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 417 Delegate Glass, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE PROFILING – “RIGHT-TO-CARRY” PERMIT**

Establishing that it is not a legitimate law enforcement purpose to use active or historical plate data captured by an automatic license plate reader system that indicates the owner of the vehicle has been issued a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun as the sole basis to stop and question the vehicle's driver.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 418 Delegate Glass, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CAT AND DOG ADOPTION**

Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of \$100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 419 Delegate Jacobs, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE LEASES –  
CONSIDERATION OF USER CONFLICTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consider potential user conflicts, including navigation, recreation, and commercial fishing, in determining the location of submerged land aquaculture leases in the Chesapeake Bay and water column aquaculture leases in the waters of the State; requiring the Department to mitigate and minimize the effects of the proposed location of specified aquaculture leasing areas on other users if the Department determines that conflicts exist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 4-11A-05(b)(3), 4-11A-06, 4-11A-07(e), and 4-11A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 420 Delegate M. Washington, et al****COMMISSION ON RENTAL HOUSING STABILIZATION**

Establishing the Commission on Rental Housing Stabilization; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation; requiring the Commission to investigate strategies for stabilizing rental housing conditions in the State, evaluate the experiences of different groups of tenants in the State, including senior citizens, military personnel, minorities, disabled persons, families, and tenants from different economic backgrounds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 421 Delegate Frick, et al****MARYLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TRUST**

Establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program for eligible private sector employees; establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust; establishing the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Board to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Trust; requiring eligible employers to offer the Program and requiring eligible employees to participate in the Program unless written notice to opt out is provided to the employer; authorizing the Comptroller to enforce employer compliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, §§ 12-101 through 12-601 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

**HB 422 Delegate K. Young, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**

Requiring hospitals, related institutions, alternative health systems, and employers to report specified employment actions and terminations of employment of athletic trainers and physician assistants to the State Board of Physicians, subject to specified exceptions; requiring athletic trainers and physician assistants to notify hospitals, related institutions, alternative health systems, or employers of a decision to enter an alcohol or a drug treatment program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 14-5D-14.1 and 15-314.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 423 Delegate K. Young, et al****DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM**

Requiring a person who is convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol to successfully complete the Ignition Interlock System Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 16-404.1(d)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 424 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION PERMITS HO. CO. 05–15

Authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit and a special event – education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages permit; specifying that a specified special event – education alcoholic beverages permit may be issued to a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license; authorizing a holder of a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit to provide specified alcoholic beverages under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-408.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 425 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – CASINO EVENTS – AUTHORIZED HO. CO. 7–15

Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the county to establish the amount of the permit fee; limiting the amount of specified prizes; requiring a permit holder to ensure that specified standards are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 13-1601, 13-1603, and 13-1604 - amended and § 13-1602.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 426 Howard County Delegation**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HISTORIC CLOVER HILL FARM HOUSE RESTORATION HO. CO. 10–15

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Clover Hill Farm House, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 427 Delegate Flanagan, et al****VOTERS' LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PANEL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish the Voters' Legislative Districting Panel; requiring the State Ethics Commission to conduct a specified lottery to choose the members of the Panel; specifying the qualifications an individual must meet to be entered into the lottery; requiring the Panel to prepare a specified legislative districting plan following a specified census; requiring that the plan becomes law on a specified day except under specified circumstances; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 5 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 428 Delegate Flanagan, et al****VOTERS' CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PANEL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Voters' Congressional Districting Panel; requiring the State Ethics Commission to conduct a specified lottery to choose the members of the Panel; specifying the qualifications that an individual must meet to be entered into the lottery; requiring the Panel to prepare a specified congressional districting plan following a specified census; requiring that the plan becomes law on a specified day except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-03 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 429 Delegates Lierman and Barron****COURTS – CIVIL ACTION BY A MERCHANT – AWARD OF COSTS AND FEES**

Providing that the prevailing party in a specified civil action by a merchant is entitled to an award of court costs and attorney's fees unless otherwise ordered by the court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-1305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 430 Delegates Folden and Afzali****DRUNK DRIVING – ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH –  
SANCTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PER SE OFFENSES**

Altering the administrative sanctions for specified alcohol-related administrative per se offenses applicable to a person who was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of another person; authorizing the Administration, under specified circumstances, to issue a specified restrictive license to allow for participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by a person whose license is suspended or revoked under the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 16-205.1(b)(1)(i) and (ii), (f)(4), (7), and (8)(i) and (v), and (j) and 16-404.1(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 431 Delegate Parrott, et al****HEALTH – REPORTING OF DEATH AND BURIAL OR DISPOSAL OF  
BODY – REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES**

Requiring specified individuals who have personal knowledge of the death of another individual or who have personally discovered a body to provide specified notice of the death within 4 hours to a specified law enforcement officer; prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a body except in a specified manner; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both, for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 5-514 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 432 Delegate Impallaria, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT – APPLICANT  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Repealing the requirement that the Secretary of State Police find that a person has a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun before issuing a handgun permit to the person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 433 Delegate Impallaria, et al****MARIJUANA LAWS – FULL DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL, EMPLOYMENT, AND HEALTH RISKS**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General, at least 90 days before the implementation of any law that reduces penalties for or legalizes the use of marijuana, to establish an information system, including the creation of a Web site and public service announcements for radio, television, newspapers, and billboards, to notify the public of the risks related to the change in the law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 6-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 434 Delegate Impallaria, et al****COURTS – AGGRAVATED MURDER COURT**

Authorizing the General Assembly to create an Aggravated Murder Court that shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all presentments or indictments for offenses previously punishable by death; vesting the judicial power of the State in the Aggravated Murder Court as the General Assembly may create by law; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 3, and 8(b) and Art. V, § 3(a) - amended and Art. IV, § 27 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 435 Delegate Rosenberg****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – AWARD OF GRANT – STUDY OF PAST PRACTICES AT STATE PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTIONS**

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to award a grant to a nonprofit organization to conduct a specified study related to the past practices regarding the treatment of patients at State psychiatric institutions; and requiring, as a condition of the grant and on or before December 1, 2016, the nonprofit organization awarded the grant to submit the results of the study to specified persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 436 Delegate Long, et al****EDUCATION – PRIVACY OF EDUCATION RECORDS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION OF STUDENTS**

Authorizing the State Department of Education, the State Board of Education, a county board of education, a local school system, a primary school, or a secondary school to collect or disclose the education records or personally identifiable information contained in the education records of a student only as necessary or required for specified purposes; prohibiting a person from requiring a specified student, without prior written consent, to submit to a survey, an analysis, or an evaluation that reveals specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-1701 through 7-1706 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 437 Delegate Rosenberg****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to administer the Program to provide grants and contracts on a competitive basis to fund programs that replicate one or more elements of teenage pregnancy prevention programs proven effective through rigorous evaluation to reduce teen pregnancy or behavioral risk factors and to fund teenage pregnancy prevention research and demonstration programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20-1601 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 438 Delegate Rosenberg****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – STATE PROSECUTOR – USE OF FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Authorizing the State Prosecutor to investigate the death or serious bodily injury of a person caused by the use of force by a State or local law enforcement officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 14-107(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 439 Delegate M. Washington, et al****FAMILY LAW – INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AND FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN**

Requiring the juvenile court to determine whether a local department made a reasonable effort, for a child at least 18 years of age, to enroll the child in health insurance that will continue after the child is emancipated, screen and assist the child with eligibility for public assistance, and ensure the child has stable housing for at least 12 months and sufficient income after emancipation; requiring a local department to advise a child before emancipation of the right to reenter care and procedures for reentering care; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-816.1(b) and FL, § 5-525(b)(3), (j), and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 440 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 8–15**

Authorizing Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by specified associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of specified contractors for the purpose of satisfying county bond requirements for public improvements or other county bond requirements; providing that Howard County is not required under specified provisions of law to honor a certificate of guarantee; and altering the definition of “certificate of guarantee”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 441 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – NEW CITY OF HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the New City of Hope Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 442 Delegate Holmes****MECHANICS' LIENS – DESIGN SERVICES**

Establishing that if the owner of specified land or the owner's agent contracts for the provision of specified services, the land and any improvements are subject to the establishment of a mechanics' lien for the payment of all debts, without regard to the amount, contracted for work done and materials furnished for or about a building, whether or not a building on the land is erected, repaired, rebuilt, or improved; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 443 Delegate Kramer, et al****CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DOGS AND CATS IN RESEARCH FACILITIES – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting specified research facilities from knowingly using specified dogs and cats for scientific research purposes; authorizing specified euthanasia for specified dogs and cats used for scientific research purposes; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring the Attorney General to investigate specified violations; authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute specified violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-626 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 444 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****HOMELESS EXPENDITURES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Requiring each State, local, and nonprofit agency that receives federal, State, or local funding to remedy and prevent homelessness to report specified information annually to the Interagency Council on Homelessness; requiring each county to report specified information annually to the Council; requiring the first reports to be filed on or before December 31, 2015, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HU, § 6-423.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 445 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****OPPORTUNITY BRACKET FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for 50% of the business income received by the owner of a small business; providing that the subtraction may not exceed \$50,000 for all of the owners of a small business; authorizing the owners of a small business to allocate the subtraction modification in any manner; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 446 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – SMALL BUSINESS**

Providing an exemption from personal property tax between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2020, for property purchased on or after July 1, 2015, and owned by specified businesses.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 447 Delegate McMillan, et al****CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ELECTION DAYS**

Adding the City of Annapolis to the list of subdivisions in which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license may exercise all of the privileges conferred by that license on the day of any election in that subdivision.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 11-401(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 448 Delegates K. Young and Reznik****CRIMINAL LAW – HAZING**

Providing that the offense of hazing is committed by subjecting a student to the risk of serious bodily injury, regardless of whether injury actually occurs, for the purpose of an initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university; and increasing the penalty from \$500 to \$5,000 for a specified offense relating to subjecting a student to the risk of serious bodily injury.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-607 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 449 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****ENVIRONMENT – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROTECT OUR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit to authorize the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State until April 30, 2023 and until a specified panel is appointed, convenes, and reports to the Governor and General Assembly on a specified date; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a specified number of members to the panel in accordance with specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 450 Delegate Carr, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration, under specified circumstances, to make a determination on whether to designate specified areas as bicycle and pedestrian priority areas by specified dates; requiring the Administration to adopt a specified statewide policy on or before September 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8-204(c) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation



**HB 451 Delegate Reznik, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY REGULATION OF TELETHERAPY**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Regulation of Teletherapy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on specified matters; and requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report and a final report by specified dates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 452 Delegate Ebersole, et al****COMMISSION TO REVIEW MARYLAND'S USE OF ASSESSMENTS AND TESTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland's Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to survey, assess, review, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 453 Delegate Tarlau, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE SERVICE – BATTERY FOR BACKUP POWER**

Requiring a telephone company to provide a specified battery that provides backup power for basic telephone service on a specified network to a customer free of charge; and requiring a telephone company to provide a specified replacement battery to a customer free of charge under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 8-207 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 454 Delegate Szeliga, et al****VEHICLE-MILES-TRAVELED TAX AND ASSOCIATED MANDATED DEVICES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of vehicle-miles traveled; and providing for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TG, § 9-401 and TR, § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 455 Delegate Parrott, et al****AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND OR PAY THE COST OF DEFENSE – VOID**

Providing that specified provisions in a contract or an agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that purport to require the promisor or indemnitor to defend or pay the costs of defending specified promisees or indemnitees against liability for specified damages are against public policy and are void and unenforceable under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 456 Delegate Morales, et al****WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 457 Delegate McDonough, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – DEATH PENALTY – MURDER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, FIRST RESPONDER, OR WITNESS

Providing that a person who is convicted of first degree murder may be sentenced to death under specified circumstances; providing that the murder of a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a specified first responder, or a specified witness, under specified circumstances is an aggravating circumstance that the court or jury must consider in making a determination as to the imposition of the death penalty; establishing procedures for the imposition of the death penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, CJ, CP, CR, HG, TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 458 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**

ENVIRONMENT – EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION WASTE AND WASTE FROM HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Establishing that exploration and production waste is a controlled hazardous substance for the purpose of specified laws and regulations if it exhibits specified characteristics; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from exempting exploration and production waste from specified requirements relating to controlled hazardous substances; and prohibiting a person from accepting, receiving, collecting, storing, treating, transferring, or disposing of, in the State, waste from hydraulic fracturing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, §§ 7-205.1 and 9-293 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 459**    **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RECTIFIERS AND BOTTLERS – LIQUOR SALES AND DELIVERY TO RETAIL DEALERS MC 25–15**

Authorizing a holder of a Class 2 manufacturer's license that also holds a Class 1 wholesaler's license or a nonresident dealer permit to sell or deliver its own distilled spirits to a county liquor dispensary, a restaurant, or any other retail dealer in Montgomery County; and authorizing a county liquor dispensary, a restaurant, or any other retail dealer in Montgomery County to purchase beer directly from a holder of a Class 2 manufacturer's license that also holds a Class 1 wholesaler's license or a nonresident dealer permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 15-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 460**    **Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes****COUPLES ADVANCING TOGETHER PILOT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND EXTENSION**

Requiring the establishment of the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program initially in one county and, on or after July 1, 2017, in two additional counties; altering the provision of law relating to the number of couples to be assisted by the Program; repealing the eligibility requirement that an individual be an adult under the age of 36 years and substituting the requirement that a couple be raising together a child under the age of 14 years; and altering the termination date of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HU, § 5-318.1(b) and (e) and Chapter 367 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 461**    **Delegate Rosenberg, et al****DISTRICT COURT – CIVIL JURISDICTION – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

Increasing from \$30,000 to \$50,000 the amount in controversy that determines the civil jurisdiction of the District Court in specified cases; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 4-401(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 462 Delegate K. Young, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS**

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or other State or local agency to conduct an inventory of specified sexual assault kit evidence on or before January 1, 2016; requiring a specified agency to prepare a report regarding untested sexual assault evidence collection kits on or before March 1, 2016; requiring the report to be submitted to the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified report and specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 463 Delegate K. Young****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES – OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a funeral establishment license to a funeral establishment that will be owned and operated in accordance with specified provisions of law by an individual who is or group of individuals in which each individual is a specified licensee or holder of a specified license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 7-310(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 464 Delegate Rey, et al****HANDGUN PERMITS – RECIPROCITY**

Specifying that a permit to carry a handgun, including a concealed handgun, issued to an individual by another state is valid in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 465 Delegate Dumais, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –  
CORNERSTONE MONTGOMERY AND INTERFAITH WORKS  
PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the #2 Taft Court facility, and for the relocation of Cornerstone Montgomery and Interfaith Works facilities, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 466 Delegate Folden, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – DEDICATION OF  
STRUCTURES – GOLD STAR FAMILIES (HERO’S HIGHWAY ACT)**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly may request, on behalf of a United States Department of Defense Gold Star recipient, that the Administration dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure to the recipient’s spouse, child, or other relative whose life was lost in combat.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8-656 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 467 Delegate Frick, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JOSIAH  
HENSON PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$275,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Josiah Henson Park, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 468 Delegates Jameson and Davis****CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY AND INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to take specified actions relating to a subsidiary for specified purposes subject to specified requirements and under specified circumstances; altering the selection and appointment process for the members of the Board for the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company; establishing the Advisory Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund; providing for the membership of the Advisory Board; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

IN, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed and LE, § 10-101 - amended and § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 469 Delegates Jameson and Branch****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Altering the scope of persons who may apply to begin construction of a new overhead transmission line for electricity under specified circumstances to include a person rather than only an electric company; and prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing, and prohibiting a person from undertaking, the construction of a new overhead transmission line that is within a specified distance of a public airport runway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 470 Delegate Dumais****HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE – CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS**

Establishing specified procedures for determining the legal sufficiency of specified certificates of qualified experts and their reports in health care malpractice claims or actions; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2A-04(b) and 3-2A-06D - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 471 Delegate Kramer, et al****SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – LOCAL JURISDICTIONS – CIVIL PENALTY**

Authorizing the governing body of a local jurisdiction to establish a civil penalty of up to \$500 for violations relating to overtaking and passing a school vehicle that are recorded by a school bus monitoring camera; repealing a requirement that the District Court prescribe the penalty for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-706.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 472 Delegate Jameson****TELEPHONE COMPANIES – STREAMLINED REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Narrowing the types of services of a telephone company that are regulated by the Public Service Commission by altering a specified definition; providing that the Commission may allow a telephone company to provide a regulated service without requiring the telephone company to file a specified tariff schedule under specified circumstances; providing that specified transactions do not require specified prior authorization from the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 1-101(II), 4-202, 5-203, and 6-101 - amended and § 8-109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 473 Delegate Kramer, et al****TAX CREDITS – EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Altering the amount of a credit against specified State taxes for wages and child care or transportation expenses related to qualified employees with disabilities; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 21-309 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 474 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION**

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 475 Delegate Impallaria****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE WINE CONTAINER PERMITS**

Establishing a refillable wine container permit in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances and conditions; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for off-premises consumption in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8-103 and 8-213.3 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 476 Delegate Kramer, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAY – PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting an individual from operating a motor vehicle on a highway while wearing or using a wearable computer with a head-mounted display; and defining the term “wearable computer with a head-mounted display” as a computer device that is worn on an individual’s head, and projects visual information into the field of vision of the individual wearing the device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1130 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 477 Delegate McComas, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – TERM**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to set the date for expiration of a handgun permit under specified circumstances; and clarifying that an expiration date for a handgun permit does not apply if the permit is renewed under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 478 Delegate McDonough****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, an employer from discriminating in any manner or taking adverse action against an employee or an applicant using tobacco products off the employer's premises during nonworking hours; authorizing employees and applicants to submit to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a written complaint under specified circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to investigate whether a specified provision of the Act has been violated on receipt of a specified complaint; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-714 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

**HB 479 Delegate McComas, et al****PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES – LICENSE TERMS**

Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private detective services to 3 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 13-308 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 480    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****SMALL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2015**

Exempting from the personal property tax persons with personal property that has a total assessed value of \$10,000 or less; exempting specified persons from specified annual reports and fees; requiring an appropriation in the annual State budget for a specified amount to reimburse counties and municipal corporations; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 481    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that, on or before July 1, 2013, a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality maintain or administer a local watershed protection and restoration fund; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality establish and annually collect a stormwater remediation fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 482    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of specified military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for Maryland income tax purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 483    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

MOTORIST TAX RELIEF – MOTOR FUEL TAX – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE ADJUSTMENTS – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; repealing a requirement that a specified sales and use tax equivalent rate be determined in a specified manner on specified dates and added to the motor fuel tax rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TG, §§ 9-305 and 9-306 and Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 11 and 12 - amended and Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2013, § 8 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 484    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – PHASED RESTORATION

Increasing the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; and repealing obsolete language.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 485    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

ELECTION LAW – FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND – INCOME TAX CHECKOFF

Requiring the Comptroller to establish a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which specified individuals may make a contribution, not exceeding \$500, to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; providing that specified fines and penalties be deposited in the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to take specified actions to administer the checkoff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 15-103 - amended and EL, § 16-1003 and TG, § 2-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 486    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT  
OF 2015**

Including employees of public charter school operators under provisions of law relating to collective bargaining; authorizing public charter schools to give greater weight to specified students during a lottery to determine admission to the public charter school; clarifying that the State Board of Education is a public chartering authority; specifying the contents of an application to open a public charter school; altering the time period within which the State Board must render a decision on a specified appeal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, Various Sections - amended and § 9-102.2 - added and SP, §§ 21-304(a)(6) and (7), 22-205(a)(1), and 23-206(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 487    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND EDUCATION CREDIT**

Allowing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the tax credit; requiring an entity to submit an application to be a student assistance organization on or before December 1 of each year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, § 2-123(a)(2) - amended and TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-306(g), and 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 488    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LAW  
ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)**

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under specified circumstances for a specified amount of retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual's service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, §§ 10-208(i-1) and 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means